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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 2738

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MBFR: BELGIAN OBJECTION TO RESTRICTED WORKING GROUP

1. FONMINISTRY DIRGEN DAVIGNON TOLD US MAY 16 THAT GOB " ABSOLUTELY" OPPOSED TO A SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT RESTRICTED GROUP (FOUR WARSAW PACT, SIX NATO) BE ESTABLISHED AS INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AGENDA AND CONDUCT OTHER BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF PLENARY SESSIONS. BELGIANS BELIEVE (1) IT WOULD NOT MAKE THE WORK MOVE ANY FASTER; (2) IT WOULD CREATE BAD BLOOD WITHIN THE ALLIANCE BY EXCLUDING SOME MEMBERS; AND, MOST SERIOUSLY, (3) WOULD ENABLE THE SOVIETS TO ACHIEVE THEIR CONTINUOUSLY SOUGHT OBJECTIVE OF EXCLUDING THE HUNGARIANS AND THE RUMANIANS FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

2. DAVIGNON SAID THAT IF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP DEEMED NECESSARY, GOB WOULD PREFERRED OPEN- ENDED METHOD USED AT HELSINKI. THIS WOULD ENABLE THINLY STAFFED DELEGATION SUCH AT THE LUXEMBOURGERS AND THE PORTUGUESE TO GO HOME IF THEY WISHED BUT WOULD BE CLOSING DOORS IN NO ONE' S FACE.

3. DAVIGNON SIAD HE WAS BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION BECAUSE HIS DELEGATION' S REPORTING CABLE HAD INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL HAD FOUND FAVOR WITH US REPS. HE SAID HE HAD JUST AUTHORIZED A CABLE INSTRUCTING THE BELGIAN REP TO OPPOSE IT. STRAUSZ- HUPE

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